

HOUSE BILL 1243

By Matlock

AN ACT to name a segment of State Route 68 in Monroe County in honor of the late Representative Bob Harrill.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Bob E. Harrill, who was a valuable member of this House of Representatives for seven terms (Ninety-First through Ninety-Seventh General Assemblies) and served his constituents in Monroe and Polk counties with purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Bob Harrill, a gentleman who attained excellence both as a public servant and a human being; and

WHEREAS, Bob Harrill was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Madisonville during his two terms as Mayor and beyond; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to name a certain segment of State Route 68 in Monroe County to honor Representative Harrill's memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the public welfare; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the segment of State Route 68 in Monroe County between the corporate boundaries of Madisonville and Sweetwater is hereby designated the "Bob Harrill Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 68 described in Section 1 as the "Bob Harrill Memorial Highway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. The appellation "Bob Harrill Memorial Highway" provided for in this act is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality, or other governmental entity affected by this act.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.